

**AGREEMENT REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY  
OF BUSINESS INFORMATION**

EPA and the potentially responsible parties listed in Annex 1 ("PRP"), hereby agree that settlement of the Government's claim concerning the Nashua River Asbestos Superfund site will involve the production of documents which have been submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by various contractors (listed in Annex 2) (hereinafter "submitters") containing certain information which may be entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. part 2. Furthermore, the parties herein agree that the limitation on the disclosure of the documents subject to this Agreement is necessary in order to protect the interests of the submitters in the confidentiality of the business information.

The terms of the Agreement Regarding Confidentiality of Business Information (hereinafter "Agreement") are as follows:

1. EPA shall provide the document(s) containing information which may be entitled to confidential treatment to the PRP and such document(s) shall be handled in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2.a. As used in this Agreement, the term "confidential information" means trade secrets or commercial or financial information submitted by a person to EPA and which may be entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. part 2. This information has not been determined by EPA under 40 C.F.R. part 2, subpart B not to be entitled to confidential treatment.

2.b. As used in this Agreement, the term "PRP" or "PRPs" means any and/or all of the potentially responsible parties listed in Annex 1, both individually and/or collectively.

3. Any information to be produced by EPA pursuant to this Agreement shall be stamped conspicuously with the words "CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION" by EPA on the top of each page of each document prior to production to the PRP. The transmittal of information designated as confidential shall be done by letter from EPA stating that the information designated as confidential is subject to this Agreement.

4. Information designated as confidential under this Agreement shall not be used or disclosed by the PRP nor any other person subject to paragraph 7 below for any purpose other than the preparation for negotiation of a settlement.

5. The PRP and PRP's counsel who obtain information designated as confidential hereunder, and any nonparty subject to this Agreement, shall not disclose or permit disclosure of this information to any other person, including without limitation any officer, director, employee, agent, or representative of the PRP, the PRP's counsel, or any nonparty, except in the following circumstances:

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a. Disclosure may be made to employees of the PRP or the PRP's counsel who have responsibility for settlement negotiations involving the Nashua River Asbestos Superfund site. Any employee to whom disclosure is made shall be advised of, and become subject to, the provisions of this Agreement prior to such disclosure by executing the Confidentiality Agreement (Annex 3) annexed hereto. Employees do not include persons, firms or corporations engaged by the PRP or the PRP's counsel on a contract basis, who shall be subject to the requirements of subparagraph (b) of this paragraph.

b. Disclosures may be made to consultants, witnesses, experts or employees of experts ("Experts") employed or otherwise engaged by the PRP or PRP's counsel to assist in the preparation for negotiations. Prior to disclosure to any Expert, the Expert must agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement by executing the Confidentiality Agreement annexed hereto. A copy of each executed Confidentiality Agreement shall be furnished to EPA and submitted not less than five (5) business days prior to disclosure to the Expert of the business information.

6. The PRP, PRP's counsel, and any other person subject to this Agreement who obtains information designated as confidential hereunder, shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to maintain the confidential nature of the information, shall share such information only with persons authorized to receive it pursuant to this Agreement, and shall retain the information in a secure manner. Except as provided in paragraph 5 above, no other person shall be permitted access to the information.

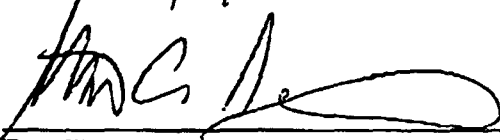
7. Any person who obtains access to information designated as confidential under this Agreement may make copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries, or descriptions of the information or any portion thereof only for the purpose of preparation for settlement negotiations for cost recovery at the Nashua River Asbestos Superfund site. All such copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries, or descriptions shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement to the same extent and manner as original documents.

8. Any unauthorized disclosure of information designated as confidential under this Agreement shall not result in a waiver of any submitter's claim of confidentiality.

9. Within 60 days after termination of negotiations, or as determined by EPA, any person who obtained information designated as confidential under this Agreement shall assemble and return such information to EPA, including all copies, extracts, summaries, or descriptions of the information or portions thereof. Such return shall be certified in writing by the person who obtained the information from EPA. All such information covered by this Agreement which constitutes the work product of counsel or the PRP shall be destroyed. However, if before the expiration of the 60 days the United States has filed in Federal court a cost recovery action for the Nashua River Asbestos Superfund Site, naming the PRP as a party, the PRP may retain the information. Such retention shall be governed by the provisions of this Agreement until entry of a protective order governing the information.

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IT IS SO AGREED:

Dated: 7/12/99  
  
For EPA

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THE UNDERSIGNED PARTY enters into this Agreement, relating to the Nashua River  
Asbestos Superfund Site.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Johns Manville Corporation

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PRP PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT**

**Johns Manville Corporation**

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## **ANNEX 2 - LIST OF CONTRACTORS**

Techlaw, Inc.

Army Corps of Engineers

Roy F. Weston, Inc.

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**ANNEX 3 - BUSINESS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

The undersigned is currently working at the \_\_\_\_\_  
which is located at \_\_\_\_\_. During the past year  
the undersigned has been employed or otherwise engaged as a consultant or contractor by the  
following companies located at the corresponding address:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing Agreement Regarding Confidentiality of Business Information ("Agreement") executed by the attorneys for the parties involved in settlement of the Government's claim concerning the Nashua River Asbestos Superfund Site, understands the terms thereof, and agrees to be bound by such terms. The undersigned understands that disclosure of information which has been designated as confidential by the submitter or that information may cause substantial harm to the affected business' competitive position. Accordingly, among other responsibilities, the undersigned shall only share such information with persons specifically authorized to receive the information pursuant to the Agreement, shall retain the information in a secure manner, and shall use such information only for the purposes authorized by the Agreement. The undersigned understands that the pledge of confidentiality under this Confidentiality Agreement continues after any lawsuit associated with the settlement negotiations is over. Furthermore, the undersigned understands that breach of the Agreement may subject him/her to civil claims for damages and to criminal prosecution under 42 U.S.C. 9604(e)(7)(B).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_